



December 15, 2006

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RE: Progress report for November 2006 activities - Hecla Mining Company Apex Site (EPA
ID No. UT982589848, Docket No. RCRA-8-99-06)

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Per paragraph 64 of the Order, enclosed is a copy of the November 2006 progress report for your records.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at (208) 769-4112 or e-mail at pglader@hecla-mining.com.

Sincerely,

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Cc: HMC Legal Dept (w/o attachments)
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MEMORANDUM TO: Apex File

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FROM: Paul Glader

SUBJECT: Progress Report No. 31 for period ending November 30, 2006; Pond 2 Final Closure - Apex Site, Washington County, Utah

Summary

The 11th visual inspection, per the long term monitoring plan, was conducted on November 25. No unusual conditions were noted, minor ponding due to precipitation was noted on top of cover. The August 18 repair work on the flow channel on the east side of the pond is functioning well.

The settlement monuments were surveyed in September - no appreciable settlement has been noted.

Discussion

1. Surface Monitor Results To Date – Since monitoring of the top surface began (Jan 4, 2006), there has been no appreciable movement in the surface monuments at the Apex site.

Work Planned for Next Period

1. Visual inspection of site.
2. Settlement monument survey – will take place quarterly basis - December.

Sampling and Analysis in Period

Field Tests, Inspections & QA/QC

1. The 11th post closure site inspection was done on November 25; a copy of the inspection report is included in the Supplemental Attachments section.

Cost and Schedule

Committed costs in October 2006 were approximately \$177. Total project to date committed is approximately \$1,240,700. The cost report for November is attached.

Current status of the deliverables listed in the RCRA 7003 order is as follows:

Deliverable	Reference Paragraph	Due	Remarks
Post warning signage around perimeter of site	57	15 days after effective date of order	Work completed on March 9, 2004
Begin implementation of closure plan	63	45 days after receipt of filing of order	Work started on February 23, 2004
Monthly progress reports	64	28 th day after close of month	Requirement in effect after order is filed.
Completion report	66	30 days after completion of all closure plan tasks	Construction completion report submitted on 3/13/2006. A follow-up report to be issued after end of monitoring period.

The update of the schedule milestones is on the following table:

Milestone	Target	Actual	Remarks
Issue bid package -- Phase I (Sump Drains)	6/14/04	6/15/04	Portion of RFP materials issued at pre-bid on 6/14/04; remainder sent via courier
Issue RFP package -- Phase III	6/24/04	6/24/04	
Award contract for Phase I	6/24/04	6/29/04	Date contract was shipped to Hughes
Pre-bid meeting -- Phase III	7/19/04	7/19/04	
Start Phase I (Sump Drains) construction	7/12/04	7/19/04	
Start Phase II (Evaporation)	7/19/04	7/29/04	
Receive bids for Phase III	8/2/04	8/2/04	
Re-bid Phase III contract package	April 2005	4/27/05	Date bid package was sent to Hughes
Start Phase III construction	End of August 2005	8/29/05	Start of contractor mobilization
Complete Phase III construction	Dec 23rd 2005	12/23/05	Completion of contract scope of work
Issue Construction Completion Report	Week of 3/13/2006	3/13/06	

Supplemental Attachments

1. November 25, 2006 long term monitoring inspection report, by D. Truman.
2. November Cost Report

Annual Site Inspection Summary Sheet - Apex Site - Pond 2

Hecia Mining Company - Long-Term Maintenance and Monitoring Plan

Form 1 of 4 - Summary

Date: 10-25-06 11-25-06			
Inspector: <u>Doug Tremmors</u>			
Cover System Component	Potential Problem	Allowable Limits	Limits Potentially Exceeded
Site Perimeter	Erosion or Fencing Issues	NA	NA
Cover System (outslopes, top, rock)	Subsidence	Minor: ponding < 1" some gulying / erosion	Yes <u>X</u> * No <u> </u>
		Significant: see Table 2	Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
	Embankment Slope Stability	excessive movement or surface cracks > than 1"	Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
	Gulying	on top	depth > 1" Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
		at embankment crest or on outslope	depth > 2" Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
		w/in normal flow channel in diversion channel	no gulying allowed Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
		w/in diversions at toe of impoundment outslope	no gulying allowed Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
		In diversion channel at any other location	NA NA
	Erosion Protection Stability	rock subsiding or missing	Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
	Seepage	no colored seepage allowed (red, blue, yellow w/ crystallization)	Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
Runoff Control System	Diversion Channel	rock in place, channel not moving, fence stable	Yes <u>X</u> * No <u> </u>
	Diversion Swales	rock in place, no silting in or head cutting	Yes <u>X</u> * No <u> </u>
	Excessive silt build up at fence lines in diversion channel	allowed if not effecting cover system	Yes <u>X</u> * No <u> </u>

* Mark all areas of concern or requiring repairs on attached site map.

Annual Site Inspection - Apex Site - Pond 2

Hecla Mining Company - Long-Term Maintenance and Monitoring Plan

Form 2 of 4 - Site Perimeter

Inspection Date: <u>11-25-06</u>	
Inspector: <u>D. Tramm</u>	
Visible Outlying Areas	
Observed Condition:	<u>Things look unchanged from last month</u>
Observed Damage:	
May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Property Boundary Fence and Gate (walk fence line)	
Observed Condition:	<u>Things are in good repair</u>
Observed Damage:	
Potential Corrective Actions:	
May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
All Upgradient Areas (areas that drain onto property)	
Observed Condition:	<u>No change</u>
Observed Damage:	
May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Form 3 of 4 - Impoundment

Inspection Date: <u>11-25-06</u> Inspector: <u>D. J. Kenna</u>			
Outslopes			
Observed Performance:	Rock Cover Subsidence:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Excessive Slope Movement (failure):	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Gully Development:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Observable Leachate (colored):	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Excessive Siltation (at slope toe):	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Observed Damage: <u>None</u>			
Potential Corrective Actions: <u>None</u>			
Top (top surface soils)			
Observed Performance:	Cracking (>1" width):	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Settlement / Evidence of Ponding:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Erosion / Gullyng:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Observed Damage:			
Potential Corrective Actions:			
Erosion Protection Layer (rock)			
Observed Performance:	Rock Staying in Place:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Rock Subsiding:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Missing Rock:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Observed Damage: <u>Nil</u>			
Potential Corrective Actions: <u>Nil</u>			

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Form 4 of 4 - Diversion Channel and Swales

Date: <u>11-25-06</u>			
Inspector: <u>D. Lamm</u>			
Diversion Channel			
Observed Performance:	Erosion Protection in place:	Yes <u>A</u> No <u> </u>	May require repair: Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
	Normal Flow Channel in place:	Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>	May require repair: Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
	Encroaching on Site Fencing:	Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u>	May require repair: Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
Observed Damage:	<u>None</u>		
Potential Corrective Actions:	<u>None</u>		
Diversion Swales			
Observed Performance:	Erosion Protection in place:	Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>	May require repair: Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
	Flow Channel Silting In:	Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u>	May require repair: Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
	Head Cutting:	Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u>	May require repair: Yes <u> </u> * No <u>X</u>
Observed Damage:	<u>None</u>		
Potential Corrective Actions:	<u>None</u>		

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Activity	2004 Budget	Revised Budget May 2004	Committed Cost this Period	Cumulative Committed Cost To Date 11-30-06	Forecasted Cost To Complete	Forecasted Final Cost	Remarks on Forecast to Complete
Phases I through III (Completed February 2006)							
Phase I - Drain Excess Liquid From Tailings	189,200	72,700		67,928	0	67,928	
Phases II, IIA + IIB - Evaporate Excess Liquid	6,000	8,000		242,882	0	242,882	
Phase III - Regrading & Final Cover System	337,000	342,050		504,742	0	504,742	
Field Indirect Costs	164,500	213,568		378,517	0	378,517	Includes Jan + Feb 2006 long term monitoring costs
Hecla Costs	18,700	18,700	0	33,324	0	33,324	
Subtotal Phases I through III	715,400	655,018	0	1,227,393	0	1,227,393	
Long Term Monitoring (through FY 2010)							
Site Inspections			177	1,278	3,407	4,685	
Settlement Monitoring			0	3,375	6,750	10,125	
Consultant Support:							
Annual Geotechnical Engineer Inspections			0	2,495	18,100	20,595	Includes settlement monitoring data analysis
Vegetation Monitoring			0	0	20,000	20,000	Allowance for surveys in FY 2007, 2009 and 2010
Site Conditions Review - MEI			0	3,161			
Site Conditions Review - SVL Analytical			0	891			
Maintenance:							
Erosion Repair Allowance			0	0	7,500	7,500	
Overseeding Allowance			0	0	9,920	9,920	
Hecla Project Management Costs:							
Labor			0	2,066	8,109	10,175	
Travel expenses			0	0	1,312	1,312	
Subtotal Long Term Monitoring	0	0	177	13,266	75,098	84,312	
Total Pond 2 Final Closure	715,400	655,018	177	1,240,659	75,098	1,311,705	

Fw: Apex report - November 2006
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